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**REQUEST FOR REISSUE OF APRIL 14, 2006 OFFICE ACTION IMPOSING A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/500,264**

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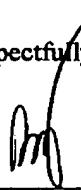
We respectfully request reissue of the April 14, 2006 Office Action containing a restriction requirement in the above-identified U.S. national phase patent application.

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Examiner Worley has identified claims 1-19 as pending and subject to restriction and/or election requirement; however, Group I and Group II are not clearly identified in the April 14, 2006 Office Action.

A response to such action is due on or before May 15, 2006, and as such, it is requested that Examiner Worley expedite reissue of a corrected Office Action. In the event that any discussion of this matter is necessary, Examiner Worley is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to resolve same.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Enclosures:**

**April 14, 2006 Office Action [8 pg.]**

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